
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 30, 1865.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CORNELIUS COLE, on leave, introduced the following bill:

A BILL

To confirm to the State of California the swamp and overflowed lands within that State.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the surveys of the swamp and overflowed lands, made
4 by authority of the State of California, be, and the same are
5 hereby, confirmed to said State, in accordance with the field-
6 notes now on file in the office of the surveyor general of the
7 United States for the State of California, and the Secretary of
8 the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to have the
9 plats for the same made, and to issue patents therefor to the
10 State of California: *Provided*, That patents shall not issue
11 for any lands that have previously been disposed of by the
12 United States.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when any of

2 the said lands shall have been sold or otherwise disposed of
3 by the United States, then the State of California may select
4 other lands in lieu thereof from any of the unsold and unoccu-
5 pied public lands of the United States within that State.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the State of
2 California may complete the surveys of swamp and over-
3 flowed lands within her boundaries, in accordance with the
4 general plan and lines of the surveys of the United States,
5 and the same shall, from time to time, be patented to the
6 State of California, and the character of said lands, as to
7 whether they are swamp and overflowed, shall be determined
8 upon the certificate of the surveyor general of the State of
9 California and the surveyor general of the United States for
10 that State.